



SPRINGFIELD ART MUSEUM

July - August 2009

N E W S L E T T E R

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Hours:

Tuesday- Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Thursday: 9:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.; Friday - Saturday: 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.; Sunday: 1:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. Closed Monday, City of Springfield and national holidays. The Museum is conveniently located just west of the intersection of National Avenue and Bennett Street in the south-central part of the city.



Springfield Art Museum

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On the Web at <http://www.springfieldmgo.gov/org/egov/art/>

Mission Statement

The Springfield Art Museum is dedicated to enhancing the education and documenting the diverse cultural heritage of the people of southwest Missouri, through the collection, preservation and exhibition of art objects.

School and group tours are encouraged and may be arranged by calling the Museum two weeks in advance of a planned visit.

On the cover: *Infrastructure*, watercolor on paper, 2009, by Loran R. Creech. Watercolor Honor Society Purchase for the Museum Collections; Robert E. Goodier \$1,000 Cash Award for Traditional Transparent Watercolor Given by his wife, Mary and his children, Winslow and Elizabeth.

From the Director Jerry A. Berger

The Museum is awash with color from the many water media paintings on exhibit in the galleries through 2 August. In addition to 155 works in *Watercolor U.S.A. 2009*, there are thirty wonderful paintings by members of the Japan Watercolor Federation on view. Also, we are featuring works from our permanent collection done by four lifetime achievement award winners designated by the Watercolor U.S.A. Honor Society.

Watercolor U.S.A. is the source of ten wonderful additions to our collections. The Southwest Missouri Museum Associates purchased Margie Kuhn's *Evolution* and Brian McCormick's *Cedar in Snow*, the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum purchased J. Henderer Burns' *Figalicious* and Brian

McCormick's *Vinegar Hill November* and the Watercolor U.S.A. Honor Society purchased Loran Creech's *Infrastructure* as purchase awards for the Museum's collection. The Museum purchased Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki's *Yellow House – Homage to Hopper*, Aletha Jones' *Italian Riddle on the Garden Terrace*, Caryl Morgan's *Pueblo Hotel, Tucson*, Brian Paulsen's *Fox Fields* and Warren Taylor's *Baroque – Nouveau*. We are delighted to acquire these fine works and extend our sincere appreciation to the donors. The annual Patron Preview for the exhibit resulted in seventeen superb works being acquired by patrons this year. I am certain that these patrons will enjoy the paintings that they added to their collections and appreciate their support for the artists and the Museum through their patronage.

The opening reception of *Watercolor U.S.A. 2009* and Japan Watercolor Federation



Figalicious, watercolor on paper, 2009, by J. Henderer Burns. Friends of the Springfield Art Museum Purchase for the Museum Collections.



China Blues, oil on canvas, 1983, by Jon Schueler. Gift of Jon Schueler Estate.

exhibition was hosted by the members of SMMA and it was a festive affair, indeed. Hundreds of visitors filled the Museum and enjoyed the delicious fare and meeting the many artists present. Three delegates from the Japan Watercolor Federation traveled to Springfield from Tokyo, Japan for the event and added an international flair to the evening.

In addition to the Watercolor U.S.A. purchase awards for the collections, the Mu-

seum was very fortunate in receiving a number of other fine artworks. The Jon Schueler Estate donated a splendid painting by Jon Schueler that was included in the recent exhibition of his paintings here. *China Blues* is a beautiful example of the artist's work and we are truly gratified to be the recipient of this superb work. It is the first painting by this important American artist to enter the collections and it will be much enjoyed by our visitors.

Robert Lee Mejer very generously gifted the Museum with six of his works. *Variant: This Way, White Study: Chinese Mask, Ascension #2, Lasso, Tiffany and East Meets West: Green-X* are all most welcome gifts and join other works by Mejer in the collections. Lawrence DiCarlo, a major donor and long-time supporter of the Museum, contributed a beautiful oil on canvas painting by Alexandra Tyng titled *Kitchen, Apel Camp*. This is the first work by Tyng to enter the collection and we are most appreciative. Two works that were acquired by the Museum for inclusion in a January 2010 exhibition of works by Jacob Lawrence are truly wonderful examples of the late artist's prints. *The Opener* is a serigraph and *The Studio*, which includes a self-portrait of the artist, is a lithograph. The Museum has also received a copy of Julie Blackmon's book *Julie Blackmon: Domestic Vacations* which illustrates many of this nationally recognized Springfield photographer's works. A gift



Yellow House - Homage to Hopper, watercolor on paper, 2008, by Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki. Springfield Art Museum Purchase Award; Potomac Valley Watercolorists \$350 Cash Award.



Italian Riddle on the Garden Terrace, watercolor on paper, 2008, by Aletha Jones. Springfield Art Museum Purchase Award.



Pueblo Hotel Tucson, watercolor on paper, 2009, by Caryl Morgan, Springfield Art Museum Purchase Award: Al Zerries Memorial \$350 Cash Award. _____



Variant: This Way, watercolor, 1991, by Robert L. Mejer. Gift of the Artist. _____

of the artist, the book includes several works that are promised gifts to the Museum and which will be featured in our next newsletter.

As we add artworks, we lose Board of Director members. Two are going off of the Board and will be sorely missed. Jeff Schrag served the Museum very well for the past three years and we are indebted to him for his contribution of time and expertise. Pat Turner served for over seven years and was Chair of the Board as well as a member of the Building Committee which was charged with the development and construction aspects of the Museum's recently completed new wing. Pat's contributions to this major project were invaluable. I thank both Jeff and Pat for helping the Museum grow and prosper. It is by virtue of such board members that we are able to provide exemplary visual arts opportu-

nities to the people of our community.

The Springfield Art Museum and the Phelps Neighborhood Association who co-sponsor the Phelps Helps Concert Series will feature "Jazz Night" on 16 July with **Three4Jazz** and **The Linda Sala Jazz Project** performing.

Donations will be accepted for The Family Violence Center at this 7:00 P.M. concert held at the Museum's amphitheater on our west grounds. Join us for an evening of great music and fun.

Opening on 8 August and on view through 13 September will be another instal-



Baroque-Nouveau, watercolor on paper, 2008, by Warren Taylor. Springfield Art Museum Purchase Award: \$350 Cash Award. _____



Fox Fields, watercolor on paper, 2008, by Brian Paulsen. Springfield Art Museum Purchase Award; Marcia W. Justice \$250 Cash Award.

lation of works by renowned political cartoonist Robert Palmer. This third exhibit, drawn from the more than 1,200 drawings by Palmer that were donated by his family, will certainly be of interest to our visitors.

The summer is upon us and the Museum is a wonderfully cool place to relax and enjoy beautiful art. Come join us and see the exciting exhibits at your museum.



Kitchen, Apel Camp, oil, 1998, by Alexandra Tyng. Gift of Lawrence L. DiCarlo.



The Opener, silkscreen, ed. AP 9/16, 1997, by Jacob Lawrence. Museum Acquisition Fund.

Phelps Helps 2009 presents "Third Thursdays"

Concerts are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the stage west of the Springfield Art Museum. In case of rain, the performance will move to the Museum Auditorium.

"Jazz Night"

16 July, 2009

Three4Jazz and The Linda Sala Jazz Project

Charity: The Family Violence Center

"Mayapple Night"

17 September 2009

Dallas Jones and Brother Wiley

Charity: The Kitchen

Docents

New docents will soon complete their training in time for the annual fifth grade busing program sponsored by SMMA.

Education

We were saddened to learn of the death of Jane Smith. Jane taught adult watercolor classes last summer and was scheduled to teach this year.

Registration for the fall classes is 11 August through 11 September. The classes will be held 15 September through 21 November. Some of the classes fill very quickly, so don't delay in getting your application to the Museum.

We appreciate the generosity of SMMA in providing four scholarships for the summer classes. Students from McBride and Jeffries Elementary were nominated by their art instructors to receive the scholarships.

SMMA NEWS

President's Letter Gloria Eskew



SMMA extends their sincere thank you to Betty Kinser for her devotion and leadership over the past two years. Betty, we wish you well in your new endeavours.

At the May 13 Annual Meeting, new officers and board members were ratified and the annual budget was approved. The new SMMA officers for the 2009–2010 year are: Gloria Eskew, President; Janet Allen, Vice President; Norene Rinker, Secretary and Beverly Steelman, Treasurer. The committee assignments are complete and we are looking forward to an exciting, productive year.

SMMA's reception for the opening of Watercolor USA was very well attended. Our Social Committee co-chairmen, Norene Rinker and Suzanne Rohman and committee members organized and served an outstanding array of food. SMMA selected and donated two paintings for the Museum Collection.

Carolyn Fay, Chairman of the Museum Shop and Felicia Whitaker continue to pur-

chase new merchandise for the Museum Shop. The Shop is in need of a free standing tie rack.

Peggy Clemons has agreed to chair our annual Fall Fashion Show and Silent Auction. Please reserve the date and plan to attend this fundraiser on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at Hickory Hills Country Club. Finalized plans will be given in the August Board Meeting.

Memorials

SMMA has lost a very important part of the organization. Taney German passed away May 12, 2009. She was past President, Lifetime member of SMMA, and member of **World Arts** for over fifty years. She will be missed by the many that knew and loved her. We feel very grateful to have had her in our lives. Taney loved the arts and her art group. She will be remembered for her smile and for her friendliness.

World Arts

in memory of
Taney German,
past president, lifetime
member of SMMA

Dorothy Trau
Samuel O. King
Betty Callaway
Jacqueline Brunner
Martha McLean
Margaret Maple
Tad and Juli Moseley
Michael and Barbara
Gentry

in memory of
Taney German,
past president, lifetime
member of SMMA

Home Design

in memory of
Robert (Bob) C. Bennett,
husband of Angie Bennett

Cabool Art Group

in memory of
Loraine Lindsey

Dorothy Trau

in memory of
Laurie Hall

Amateur D' Art

in memory of
Bill Mullis
husband of Karen Mullis

Museum Shop

Please come by and see what is new in the Museum Gift Shop. Our buyers have just returned from market.

The Museum Gift Shop now accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and debit cards.

The Museum Gift Shop, run by SMMA, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

The profits from the Shop go toward the Springfield Art Museum. SMMA's purpose is to help with the physical building needs not met by the City of Springfield, make donations to the Art Museum including but not limited to works of art, provide volunteer services, sponsor the 5th grade busing program, send a docent to the national symposium, host receptions, and inform and cultivate an interest in the community for the appreciation of art and The Springfield Art Museum. SMMA, a non-profit volunteer organization formed in 1926, has over six hundred active and at-large members.

Speaker Gifts

Home Design

in appreciation of
Andrea McKinney
Oak Star Bank

World Arts

in appreciation of
Dave Sturdevant

Amateur D'Art

in appreciation of
Janice Bauer
for Art of Makeup,
Db Designs
for Creations in Clay,
Askinosie Chocolate,
Sharril DeLong
for handmade jewelry,
Rita Preston
for The Frick Collection

Progressive Arts

in appreciation to
the City of Springfield
speaker on
Way Back When

Honorarium

Art Nouveau

in appreciation to
Nancy Gayer
out-going president

Beverly Steelman

in appreciation to
Monett Art Group
for lunch and
their hospitality



*Betty Kinser, outgoing President
passes the gavel to Gloria Eskew,
incoming President for 2009-2010.*

Calendar

August 26 - Board meeting
in the Conference Room.
9:30 coffee, 10 A.M. meeting

Past President's Luncheon



The Annual Past President's Luncheon was held at Hickory Hills Country Club on May 27, 2009. Eleven of the nineteen past presidents were able to attend. Seated, left to right: Dorothy Trau (1981-1984), Carolyn Fay (1955-1957), Ellie Stocker, (1972-1973) Standing, left to right: Janet Ellison (1990-1992), Mary Zabeck (1980-1981 and 1983-1984), Beverly Young (1986-1988) Sharon Nahon (1984-1985), Jeannine Schroff (2001-2003), Cara Moist (1988-1990), Suzanne Rohman (2005-2007), and Sam King (1996-1997). The past presidents unable to attend are: Donna Elkins (1968-1969), Martha McLean (1975-1976), Barbara Mauck (1979-1980), Sharon Deal (1992-1994), Joyce Criswell (1994-1996), Margaret Atkisson (1999-2000), Carol Gower (2003-2005), and Betty Kinser (2007-2009).

Qdoba Fund Raiser

Qdoba Mexican Grill Fund Raiser continues. The coupons expire August 31. This is a 100% profit for SMMA. The proceeds go to the Springfield Art Museum. Coupon books can be purchased in the Museum Gift Shop, the front desk or the SMMA office.



Cedar in Snow, watercolor, 2008, by Brian McCormick. Southwest Missouri Museum Associates Purchase for the Museum Collections.

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Museum Calendar

July

- 3: Museum closed. City observes 4th of July.
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- 7: Summer Studio Art Classes begins.
- 9: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.
- 16: Phelps Helps Concert Series: *"Jazz Night"*, featuring Three4Jazz and The Linda Sala Jazz Project, 7:00 P.M. Springfield Art Museum Amphitheater.
- 16: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room.

August

- 2: *"Watercolor U.S.A. 2009"* and *"The Japanese Watercolor Federation"* closes.
- 8: *"Robert Palmer Exhibit"* opens.
- 11: Registration for fall Studio Art Classes begins.
- 13: Museum Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 P.M., Conference Room
- 20: Friends of SAM Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., in the Conference Room.
- 26: SMMA Board Meeting in the Conference Room. 9:30 coffee, 10:00 A.M. meeting.

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